

## 8th Forum Includes Candidates After Suit Threat

By RICHARD MANUGIAN

After a promise of court action and the threatened withdrawal of the race's frontrunner, Watertown attorney 8th Congressional District candidate Jim Spiegel has won inclusion in a Belmont candidates forum.

Spiegel, along with three other candidates, had been excluded by the Belmont Democratic Town Committee from a forum planned for 2 p.m. on Saturday in the Belmont High School Auditorium.

The committee reversed its stand at 8 p.m. Monday, however, when Chairperson Mary Tinkham announced

ed the forum would be open to all Democratic candidates.

In order to ensure his participation, Spiegel planned to seek a court injunction on grounds he had been unfairly excluded.

In addition, front-runner Joseph Kennedy II announced late Monday he would withdraw from the forum because it did not include all candidates.

Spiegel had argued his absence at the forum would deny the voters of these areas a chance to see one of their own residents. He also feared it would "send the wrong message if

I am not there."

In a Jan. 31 invitation, Tinkham said the Democratic Town Committee would contact each candidate within two weeks to confirm participation and provide additional information.

The committee never contacted Spiegel, however, and when the attorney telephoned Tinkham April 24 he was told he could not participate.

Spiegel says that, during their conversation, Tinkham told him the committee never tried to contact him, a charge Tinkham denies.

"I had never made a statement

one way or the other about that, because I just didn't know," Tinkham said Tuesday.

"I don't make up those quotes," Spiegel said. "She [Tinkham] told me that the committee had in fact never tried to confirm my participation."

Tinkham said she later learned a committee worker had tried unsuccessfully to contact Spiegel.

In any event, the committee reversed its decision and opened the forum to all Democratic candidates 90 minutes after Kennedy said he would withdraw from the forum. The threat came in a letter delivered to

Tinkham's home at 6:30 p.m. Monday.

"It's hard to say if Kennedy's withdrawal was the major factor but it was a factor," Tinkham said later.

Spiegel had questioned the existence of other motives in his exclusion, but Tinkham said the decision was a matter of logistics.

"The format was absolutely set," she said. "We had every minute planned, and adding another candidate would have absolutely destroyed the format."

Candidates Carla Johnston, Mel

King and James Roosevelt voiced support for Spiegel.

State Sen. George Bachrach (D-Watertown) was the only candidate to comment publicly on the controversy without actively supporting Spiegel.

"I suggested that if he [Spiegel] had a problem with the forum, that he work out his own arrangements with the committee," Bachrach said. "My campaign is in no way related to Jim Spiegel's."

Bachrach further described the matter as "a tempest in a teapot" and suggested the incident ultimately

ly boosted Spiegel's campaign.

Spiegel said he "expected this reaction from the Bachrach campaign since both of us are from Watertown and it appears to be in Bachrach's best interest to keep me out of the debate."

"It doesn't surprise me," Spiegel continued. "I'm gaming ground in his area, in what was once considered Bachrach turf."

In addition to Spiegel, previously excluded candidates Richard Black, Robert Capucci and Robert O'Connell will now be allowed to participate in the forum.

## Parents Call Forum On School Issues

By WILLIAM B. HAYNES

Since last fall, a group of parents have been meeting in private homes to address concerns about public education in Arlington.

Now, the Parents for Responsive Education have drafted a list of 10 items they believe need to be addressed and they want to open their group to other parents.

The group's first public forum will be at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 8, in the First Parish-Unitarian Universalist Church, 630 Mass. Ave.

Discussion items will include all-day kindergartens, a parent handbook, school space, transition from elementary to junior high and from junior high to high school, tracking, the needs of the learning disabled and the academically talented, the arts, accessibility to the School Committee, and students leaving for private schools.

"Parents have the responsibility as well as the right," to have a say in their child's education, said group member Tony Streeter.

Group members hope the forum will broaden their base by bringing together even more parents throughout Arlington who have ideas to share.

Current members say planning can begin at the meeting on the best ways to bring educational problems to the School Committee, PTOs, principals, teachers or other parents.

"The steering committee began in the fall," said Lois Ardito, one of the

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—Tony Streeter

organizers. "We have always been a group committed to public education — we've just never had a name before. We are a support group and a group that can disseminate information."

Dallin schoolteacher and group member Joan Black said that the group believes there are many people in Arlington that have problems with the school system but do not raise them because they feel that the problems only concern themselves.

Black says one purpose of the group is for people with common interests or concerns to meet each other and begin to work together toward positive solutions.

While PTOs deal with particular schools, Parents for Responsive Education wants to deal with issues that affect the entire school system.

"The overriding complaint is one of non-responsiveness on the part of those that hold themselves out to be representatives," said Streeter. "These established groups have become comfortable and institutionalized."

We are not a passing fad or fancy," Streeter said. "We insist on the right to be involved, and we hope to work with the School Committee."



Wearing a halo of spring blossoms, Trisha Lamb, 2, waters flowers in town.

(Paul Drake Photo)

## Larson Site Developers Call May 6 Meeting

The developers who are proposing a 120- to 130-unit condominium project off Lowell St. have organized a neighborhood meeting on Tuesday, May 6, to explain their plans.

The meeting will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at the main Old Schwamb Mill building, Mill Lane.

"We're inviting neighbors and others interested to discuss the zoning changes and to show them the preliminary site plans," said Gerald Brecher, one of three developers who will attend the neighborhood meeting.

## Gunman Robs Stop & Shop

By WILLIAM B. HAYNES

Police are searching for a the gun-toting armed robber who made off with \$1,500 from an Arlington Stop and Shop on a bustling afternoon last week.

The man being sought is slim and about 5 feet 10 inches tall. During the April 21 robbery, he wore sunglasses and a baseball cap.

The suspect walked in the front door about 4:55 p.m. and asked a clerk if he could speak with the manager.

The thief showed the manager a small automatic pistol and told the manager not to make a move, or push the alarm button, according to police. The man said he had an accomplice but none was observed.

The robber told the manager to take him into the cashier's room, and the manager told the cashier inside to

fill the robber's bag with money.

Police said the thief had brought his own Stop and Shop bag into the store.

The thief told the manager and cashier not to follow him when he left, and walked out the front door into the parking lot. He was last spotted walking toward the back of the parking lot.

Police believe the thief fled through a hole in the fence in the rear of the parking lot.

After the robber left, the manager pushed the alarm.

Police said the many customers and employees in the store were unaware of the robbery.

"We are checking with other departments," said Police Director John Carroll. "Somerville and Cambridge each had a similar robbery last week in a grocery store."

Police have released a composite sketch of the robber.

## Faulkner Named To Redevelopment Board

By CATHERINE WALTHERS

Barry Faulkner of Kimball Rd. was appointed by Selectmen Monday night to the Redevelopment Board, replacing longtime member Joseph Tulimieri who resigned at the end of his current term.

Tulimieri said he felt it was time to step aside to allow someone new to serve.

Tulimieri was the last remaining charter member of the Redevelopment Board and had served continuously since the board was created in 1971.

In his letter to the Town Manager, Tulimieri suggested that his replacement have a "command of public planning, an understanding of the local political scene, a familiarity with private real estate development, and a sense of community pride as well as an ability to deal with community groups and other town boards."

Town Manager Donald Marquis,

who recommended Faulkner to the Board of Selectmen, believes Faulkner's background in transportation will complement the board.

"We've had a need for someone with transportation background for a long time," said Marquis. "I think he'll be a great addition to the board. Transportation issues [such as those revolving around the Alewife station] are becoming more and more of an important factor to the town of Arlington."

Faulkner, a Town Meeting member since 1983, actually has a background in transportation and in planning.

He has a master's in transportation planning from Harvard University and worked as a town planner in the town of Needham from 1973 to 1974.

After that, Faulkner was a state employee from 1974 until 1980. He (Please see FAULKNER, page 22)

## Two In Running For Space Journalist

Editor Hopes To Describe Earth, Stars From Shuttle

By WILLIAM B. HAYNES

When Kelly Beatty was a child he would wake up at 3 a.m. and sneak downstairs, turn on the TV, and watch the Apollo rockets blast off.

Like many people his age, he witnessed man's breaking of his earthly boundaries and vogaging into unknown space.

Soon he may have the opportunity to venture into the heavens himself.

Beatty is one of the 100 semifinalists from the 1703 journalists from around the country who applied for the position of Journalist in Space as part of the Space Flight Participant Program.

Beatty, 34, studied astronomy and majored in geology at the California Institute of Technology. There, he worked with a professor who was involved in the space program. Through his studies and work, he realized that he wanted to remain involved in space exploration.

Although Beatty saw that he would have been a "pretty mediocre research scientist," he found a way to stay closely tied to astronomy. He found that there was a lack of

knowledgeable people writing about the space program, and decided to give up research himself to write about the discoveries of others.

After graduating from the California Institute of Technology in 1974, he moved to Arlington and found a job at Sky and Telescope, a monthly general-interest astronomy magazine. He has been at the magazine ever since, and has risen from "editorial lackey" to senior editor.

He moved to Chelmsford in September with his wife Cheryl, a retail manager for a fabric store in the Woburn Mall.

Beatty said that he believes he is uniquely qualified for the position of journalist in space.

"I don't think they want someone who can just write about the space food," said Beatty.

"It should be more profound. My background is technical so I can understand the shuttle, but it is also geological and astronomical so I can describe the earth below and the heavens above. I could describe the up and down in addition to the



Former Arlington resident J. Kelly Beatty is senior editor of Sky and Telescope magazine in Cambridge.

sideways. No one has yet attempted to describe the earth, stars, and the sunrise from the space shuttle.

"I'm a product of the space age," said Beatty. "I'm 34 years old and I have been interested in space all of my life. I cover space exploration for this magazine, and I see riding on the (Please see BEATTY, page 25)

## Marotta May Write Column From A Space Shuttle Seat

By GEORGE DERRINGER

Terry Marotta is "joyously anachronistic" because of her optimism and honesty.

One of 100 semifinalists to be the first media representative in space, The Advocate columnist from Winchester was described in those words by one of her 65 editors in New England.

Marotta was selected as a semifinalist in a national competition that included everyone from Walter Cronkite to a science writer for a newspaper in Newburgh, Ind.

"It's very exciting," she said just hours after learning of her selection. Marotta began her career in journalism at The Winchester Star in September 1980. Her column runs in three Century Newspapers and 60 other daily and weekly papers.

Writing was her first love though she says she "forgot" about it. Years later, with two children in the house, she flapped through her high school yearbook. Her English teacher had written, "I hope you DO write."

Marotta entered a Parents Magazine contest and won a prize for

her writing.

"The prize wasn't as important as the fact that it felt so good, writing again," she says.

She wrote for free for The Star for a year and continued for a second year. "You need time to find your own voice," she says. "I didn't want to copy the style of writers I admire, like Ellen Goodman and Erma Bombeck."

Marotta, unlike long-time reporters who can write intelligible stories in five minutes, needs time.

"Soon after I was chosen by the Journalist In Space program, one editor wanted me to write 750 words about my feelings in two hours," she says.

"But I couldn't do that. I have no experience with instant journalism. I spend a lot of time writing a column. It comes out chatty and colloquial, but it takes a few hours," she says.

Sources for Marotta's column usually come directly from her experiences. Her family is especially prominent.

"The kids make life so vivid," she says of daughters Carrie, 9, and An-



Terry Marotta and son Michael, one day before his second birthday.

nie, 6, and son Michael, just turned 2.

"All the principles of life are here. Good and evil, an epic of violence, tears, joy — blood on the swing set."

Marotta has another common source for ideas. "I eavesdrop in public places," she says.

"When I heard about the Teacher In Space program, my first thought was that I should have stayed in (Please see MAROTTA, page 25)

## Board Wants Walk Signs 'Sanctioned'

By CATHERINE WALTHERS

The eight pedestrian walk signs are news again.

Placed in crosswalks along busy Mass. Ave. nearly two years ago to aid pedestrians and warn motorists, the signs have been an on and off-again topic of discussion.

Not long after Town Manager Donald Marquis purchased the signs and put them in crosswalks along Massachusetts Ave., the state Dept. of Public Works ordered the town to remove them.

While the state said portable signs could not be placed in the middle of the road, Marquis was firm in keeping the signs out.

Lexington and Concord also had freestanding pedestrian signs in the roadway.

At Monday's Board of Selectmen meeting, chairman Robert Walsh said he would like to have the signs "sanctioned" in the event of any potential lawsuits resulting from motorists hitting the signs.

Walsh mentioned that Lexington now has new signs mounted on mini orange plastic barrels, placed with state permission.

With Lexington as a precedent, Walsh asked Marquis to return to the state DPW for permission for Ari-

(Please see SIGNS, page 22)







# Arlington Chapter Of State Pro-Life Group Is Formed

By EDWARD ENGEL

Area residents whose goal it is to educate the community about rights of the unborn have formed an Arlington-Belmont-Winchester chapter of a state pro-life organization.

The area chapter of the 40-chapter Massachusetts Citizens For Life was created two months ago, says co-founder and president Jan Hardy, because "there are local goals and statewide goals. It would be impossible for the state level to meet local needs. A state chapter could not come into Arlington and educate the community, for example."

Massachusetts Citizens For Life was created to "foster respect for human life, from conception through old age," she says.

Hardy, who along with the current Cambridge chapter president Ruth Pakaluk founded the local chapter, sees the goal of the group in Arlington as primarily educational. "We want to educate the community in respect to the unborn."

Chapter member and Arlington resident Marjorie Mills says the chapter acts largely as a referral group. "We're very supportive to a

woman who is pregnant and doesn't think she can continue with her pregnancy. We will refer her to other agencies that will provide her with free pregnancy testing, or a place to live, or cribs."

Mills believes that abortions can leave psychological scars on women.

"They (women) do not realize just what they have within their bodies, and the abortionist will tell them it's just a blob of tissue, not a human being," says Mills. "And many times a woman will have an abortion, and she will not know what's going on during the abortion. Later, she can go through a lot of mental difficulties."

Mills says she joined Mass. Citizens For Life because she has been a pro-life supporter since before the 1972 Supreme Court decision that legalized abortions.

Among the chapter's educational activities are sending speakers to schools and arranging for community screenings of such anti-abortion movies as "The Silent Scream."

Most of the group's other activities are legislative. For instance, the chapter is now contacting state congressmen on a referendum it wants passed on the November ballot. The

referendum would put to a vote the question of Medicaid-funded abortions. Last year, Medicaid spent approximately \$1.4 million statewide on abortions.

Mills says she does not like the image of pro-life supporters as fanatics. She says that although occasionally a pro-life group member will approach a woman outside of an abortion clinic, it is "not to threaten her, but to ask her, 'Is this really what you want?'"

Mills says that a woman's boyfriend or parents often push her into getting an abortion without first considering the woman's needs.

Hardy says the chapter was started to foster respect for the elderly, as well as the unborn. "There's a tremendous amount of suffering (among the elderly). I'd like to see more members give more time to already existing organizations like Meals-on-Wheels and nursing homes."

The Arlington-Belmont-Winchester chapter meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the St. James Convent meeting room on Appleton St. in Arlington.

Although the chapter has only 15 members now, Hardy says, "Small things start small and grow from there."

"Our group is filled with love and caring by dedicated people," says Mills. "We want to inform people that there are alternatives to abortion, and very happy alternatives."



Albert Nelson, center, and Mary Berry turn over a check for \$3,000 from the Arlington High School Class of 1930 to Town Treasurer John Bilafer. The class has established a permanent scholarship fund for graduating students.

## AHS '30 Starts Scholarship Fund

The Arlington High School Class of 1930 is working hard for future graduating classes.

At the 56th reunion last year, the class decided to establish a permanent scholarship fund.

Through the work of 10 classmates during the past year, the fund was started and has grown to \$3,000.

The committee has turned over the money to Town Treasurer John Bilafer to administer, following the overwhelming approval of the Arlington School Committee.

At the 56th reunion, scheduled for this coming June, the committee hopes that classmates will add another \$3,000 to the fund.

The class is also seeking contributions from other residents and business people.

"Each year, some deserving boy or girl graduating from Arlington High School will be grateful for the thoughtfulness and interest," says Albert Nelson, class chairman.

The first scholarship of \$300 will be awarded in June.

Contributions can be sent to: John Bilafer, Arlington Town Treasurer, P.O. Box 210, Town Hall, Arlington, 02174. The check should be made payable to: AHS Class of 1930 Scholarship Trust Fund.

Class of 1930 class members serving on the committee are Albert Nelson, treasurer Richard Churchill, Ruth Adams, Dr. Richard Baker, Mary Barry, Rita Furdon, Robert Lorentzen, Dorothy Maynard, Jean Roger and Fred Wilfert.

## Park Circle Nursing Home To Close

By CATHERINE WALTHERS

Park Circle Nursing Home in Arlington Heights will close this year as soon as alternative placement is found for 20 people living there.

The owner and administrator, Gloria Marzocchi of Belmont, told clients and staff this week she will retire and close the facility within approximately six months.

Marzocchi, 65, has owned the nursing home at 15 Park Circle for the past 23 years.

Park Circle is licensed for 25 beds, but had accepted no new admissions while contemplating the closing, said Stephen Marzocchi, the owner's son and an administrator at the nursing home.

In a letter to the residents and their families, Mrs. Marzocchi said the decision was made "after many months of serious personal deliberation."

"After considering all options, we felt it would be in the best interest of all the residents to close the facility rather than subject them to a new proprietor," the letter said.

In addition to working with families of the nursing home residents, the staff will work with the Dept. of Public Welfare's relocation team to relocate all the Medicaid recipients.

Under department regulations, the home is obligated to operate until each patient is placed, said Stephen Marzocchi.

Marzocchi said they have no plans yet for the building and property. "It's one decision at a time," he said.

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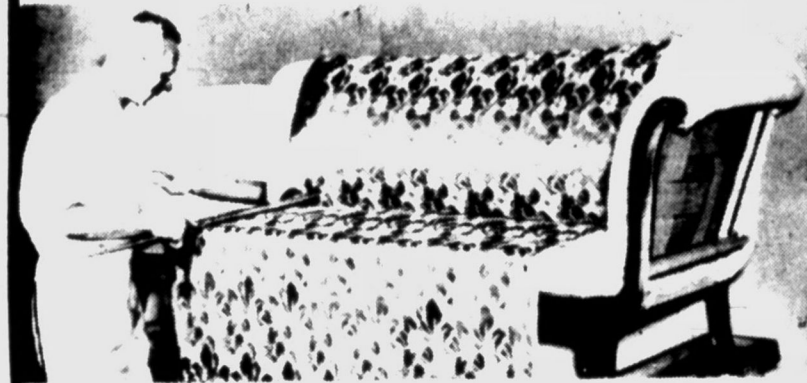
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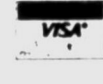


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The major problem in allergy treatment today is that most treatment is symptomatic in nature, designed to gain relief of symptoms. The real answer to an allergic reaction is to find the basic underlying cause which makes the body overreact to normal substances.

The body has defense systems to toxic substances and of course that is good. That's the way the body protects itself. However, some people become "overly sensitive" to what should be harmless substances and their body reacts to these substances (pollen, feathers, pets, etc.) as if they were toxic. The light eyes, throat tickle, clogged ears and of course the runny nose, sneezing and stuffed up condition. Add these miseries to sleepless nights and you have a ripe case of allergy.

The simplistic approach—determining to what an individual is allergic by various testing methods, then eliminating that item from the individual's diet and environment—is similar to deciding to live in a cave as a hermit because you don't get along with people.

Many treatments for symptomatic relief may help temporarily, but actually make the basic underlying cause of the problem more severe in the long run.

Nasal sprays, which are used for decongesting the mucous membranes, work temporarily, however, they themselves may irritate the mucous membranes. When the short term relief wears off it can leave the membranes more irritated than before. The use of the sprays causes an increased need for future sprays, hence the solution is self-perpetuating and you have the beginning of drug dependence.

When allergies develop, it is important to seek a natural correction of the problem before permanent damage is done by medication.

The Chiropractic approach to allergy is to

discover why the body is reacting to harmless substances as if they were toxic. One place to look is adrenal insufficiency. The adrenal glands secrete hormones which give the body the ability to keep inflammation in check. An allergic response is an excessive inflammatory reaction. In the normally functioning body, house dust, specific foods, pollen, etc. do not cause inflammation. In the individual with an adrenal insufficiency, the body is fighting a war when there is no invading force.

Nerves control the entire body and are closely associated with the adrenal gland function. If the adrenal problem is caused by a misaligned vertebra causing nerve pressure and hence diminishing the adrenal function, correcting the misalignment should bring relief to the patient. There has never been a more effective method for the long term correction of allergies, than Chiropractic. You must remember, however, that cure comes from within your own body. Chiropractic can return your body to normal control in most instances; the outlook is not as favorable when there has been a long term dependency on drugs. Embarking upon correction of the problem as early as possible is vital. Remember the five most dangerous words are, "MAYBE IT WILL GO AWAY!"

Dr. John P. DeFilippo maintains Chiropractic Offices at: 400 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington, MA 02174. 617-648-4000.

## Cianci Was Celebrity Wedding DJ

By WILLIAM B. HAYNES

When Maria Shriver and Arnold Schwarzenegger had an engagement party five months ago, Rick Cianci, 33, owner of Ultrasound productions spun the records.

"They all danced and had a great time," said Cianci. "Sweat was dripping off of them."

The party was a success and Cianci was asked to play the records at the famous couple's rehearsal dinner at the Hyannis Port Club on Friday night.

"I do get the butterflies when something like this occurs," said Cianci before departing for the Cape. But the butterflies in Cianci's stomach were subdued by the barrage of lobsters and clams he was fed at the party.

In addition to enjoying a good meal, Cianci couldn't help but see a lot of celebrities. And Cianci played the music that made them want to boogie.

"It was fantastic. I had a great time," said Cianci. "They danced until about 1 a.m. They danced to Bruce Springsteen and top 40 music the most. They were pleased with the way it turned out."

Although the party worked out well for Cianci in the end, it got off to an inauspicious start.

Cianci had a tough time getting through the bodyguards when he arrived at 8:30 p.m.

"They had tight security," said Cianci. "The secret service was at the front door. I told them I was Rick Cianci the DJ for the night."

The Secret Service searched the guest list for Cianci's name, but it was not to be found. Cianci told them that he had all his equipment and 700 albums already set up inside, and after some discussions and explanations, the Secret Service escorted him into the house to find someone who could identify him.

"It was just a regular fun party," said Cianci. "They are a very sweet couple."

## Arlington Man Faces Drug Charge In Winchester

Winchester police, in a joint effort with State Police narcotics officers, have arrested David C. Nocchi of 61 Wollaston ave., Arlington on charges of drug trafficking.

After a car chase, police stopped a 1985 Chevrolet van on Rumford rd. in Winchester.

Police found two ounces of what they say is cocaine in a guitar case of the van.

The van was towed from the scene. Nocchi was released on \$10,000 bail and arraigned last Friday at the Fourth District Court in Woburn. He is scheduled to appear in court May 9.

Winchester officers who assisted in the arrest were Eric Benson, J.B. Gray, Kurt Ellis and Inspector Barry Donaghy.

## Finance Board To Consider Articles

The Finance Committee will conduct hearings Monday evening, May 5, on Articles in the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting to be held May 19.

Hearings will be in the Hearing Room on the second floor of the Town Hall.

Beginning at 7:45, the committee will hear a series of Articles submitted by the Library Trustees and the Permanent Building Committee all relating to comprehensive changes to the Robbins Memorial Library.

At 8:30, the committee will hear the Town Treasurer who submitted Articles seeking an appropriation to fund deferred salary increases to two employees leaving his department, seeking an appropriation of \$200,000 to increase the town debt and interest budget, to seek a moratorium on any proposing demolition of buildings at Spy Pond and the establishment of a committee to study ways to restore Spy Pond Field.

At 9:30, the Selectmen and the Manager will meet with the Committee to discuss articles they submitted: an article to reclassify the superintendent of fire and police signals, a series of collective bargaining appropriations articles, and an article authorizing land taking in connection with land at King and Summer streets.

## Boys Invited To Join Cub Scouts

Pack 305 will be holding a Spring Round-Up for boys who are interested in becoming a Cub Scout.

Any boy in the second to fifth grade is invited to sign up on Friday, May 9, from 6:30 to 7 p.m. at the Stratton School, 180 Mountain ave.

The group is also looking for parents to help. Without parents helping the group is not able to offer the Scouting program to all the boys who want to join. For more information, contact Cubmaster Jack Wilson, 648-2889.



# Turning Arlington Green

## New Sources Found In Times Of Need

Mike Wright calls it landscaping with no money.

All that's needed are a few donations, some workers and the right spot, according to the town's director of Properties and Natural Resources.

Never mind that the regular budget doesn't include money to replace dead or diseased trees or plant new ones along Arlington streets.

Wright is getting the job done anyway.

Just recently, his workers planted three fully grown spruce trees in front of Hardy School on Lake st.

Two of the spruces were donated by William and Ann Hogarty of Russell st., who found the trees had gotten too big for their front yard.

The Hogartys told Wright the trees were planted by their daughters who received the seedlings almost 12 years ago while they were in St. Agnes School.

Ironically, those seedlings were distributed in the schools by Wright's department on Arbor Day. That tradition still continues.

Another spruce was donated by the Williamsey at 54 Wyman st.

"Our own men moved all these trees, and that was a big job," Wright said.

In another "deal," Wright said he planted a sugar maple in Robbins Memorial Garden next to Town Hall on Friday.

This tree was given to the town by a nursery in exchange for some of Arlington's leaves.

Wright said the nursery needed the organic material and Wright's department gave them about 15 loads.

The new tree will replace the large one lost during Hurricane Gloria.

While there's no money in the tree budget, Wright is expecting \$21,000 to buy trees as part of the state and federal reimbursement for the hurricane.

Still another source of green for Arlington comes from the Trees Please fundraising program operated



The town's new acquisition, a tall spruce tree, was donated by a local family and replanted at Hardy School by the Dept. of Properties and Natural Resources. Mike Wright, above, is department director.

by the Arlington Garden Club.

The club accepts donations for trees and turns the money over to Wright's department. The department just bought 90 trees to be planted all over town this spring. A

total of 378 trees have been purchased with Trees Please funds since the program's inception three years ago.

Anyone interested in donating to that fund can contact Phyllis Roberts, 155 Park ave.

## 3 Restaurants To Change Hands

Selectmen voted to process restaurant application licenses for three applicants buying established businesses.

George Tsoukalas of Watertown and Peter Stavropoulos of Belmont are seeking a license to operate the Arlington House of Pizza at 797 Mass. ave.

Tsoukalas and Stavropoulos expect to purchase Arlington House of Pizza from Charles Dimis, who started the business 14 years ago.

Ting Kau Keung is seeking a license to operate the Golden Jade restaurant at 203A Broadway.

Keung, a Boston resident, will change the restaurant's name to King Chef, Inc. and has asked to be open from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.

The third application was made by L. Robert Elia who has plans to buy Gail Ann Doughnut Shop, 10 Medford st., from current owners Heather and John Bass.

Elia said the doughnut shop will remain the same.

Selectmen are expected to vote on all three licenses on May 12 after receiving reports from various town departments.

## Board To Meet With Consultants

The Selectmen will meet May 12 with representatives of Cresap, McCormick and Paget, the consulting firm which conducted a study of the Arlington police and fire services.

The meeting, originally scheduled for Monday, was postponed for two weeks because all five Selectmen could not be present.

The consultants will present their study and answer questions from the board on the 12th.

The firm is also expected to meet with the Finance Committee and representatives of the Police and Fire Divisions.

## Greeley Named To Conservation Board

Kevin Greeley was appointed to the Conservation Commission Monday after he was recommended by Town Manager Donald Marquis. Selectmen unanimously approved the recommendation.

A resident of Ely rd., Greeley is the regional manager of Eastern Massachusetts for Communispond, a

communications company in Cambridge. Greeley's brother Robert is on the Board of Assessors.

Selectmen also reappointed Walter Weidner, Jr. and George Beaton to the Board of Assessors.

## Parade Permits Are Granted

Veterans secured a parade permit for the Memorial Day Parade on May 26.

The parade will form on Mass. ave. at Adams and Andrew streets at 9:30 a.m.

The board also approved a permit allowing the Greek church to hold a procession on Friday night from the church to Pleasant st. and back.

## Brantwood Parking Trial To Continue

Selectmen extended a 90-day parking trial period on Brantwood rd. to another 90 days.

The trial period was initiated after neighbors asked to have several "no parking" signs removed. Select-

men agreed to monitor the situation after the signs were removed.

After Police Director John Carroll said some overnight parking problems continue on the road, Selectmen decided to continue monitoring the situation. Carroll said police make regular patrols on Brantwood to enforce overnight parking laws.

## Planning Board Oks Plan To Build Salt Shed

In an Environmental Design Review hearing, Redevelopment Board members voted unanimously to amend the 1976 special permit to allow the construction of a new salt storage shed at the Town Yard.

The 40-foot by 96-foot shed would be constructed by September within the Town Yard at 49 Grove st.

The Department of Public Works recently received a grant from the state to pay for the \$70,000 shed which will cover the salt that has been stored for years outside in the open.

One of our greatest anxieties is a sufficient supply of road salt," said Jack Bowler of the Department of Public Works. "There are inadequate storage facilities at the town yard for road salt."

Bowler said the shed would protect 2,000 tons of salt instead of the 400 tons that have in the past been left outside all winter. The construction would allow the town to purchase all of their salt at the beginning of the year.

# Kraus Opens New District Office

Sen. Richard Kraus (D-Arlington) announced the opening of a new district office, located in room 9, 635 Mass. ave. in Arlington.

"This office will serve as the headquarters for my upcoming re-election campaign and as a permanent base for many of my constituent relations programs which I have initiated over the years," Kraus said.

Kraus, who is up for re-election next fall, is presently completing his second term as state senator for the 4th Middlesex District.

Kraus said that he will be available at the district office on Fridays to meet with constituents about legislative concerns.

To set up an appointment with the senator, call his State House office at 722-1432. The district office number is 648-0210.

"I believe that the political process works best for us all when there are

strong channels of communication between elected officials and their constituents," Kraus said.

Kraus noted that his Neighbor Network program is another channel through which people can express their views and get involved.

"The project, which is already set up in some areas of the district, involves a neighborhood volunteer who periodically keeps my office posted on current concerns," Kraus said. "The volunteer also informs us of new residents or teenagers who have recently turned 18 so that I can personally invite them to register to vote and join in the political process."

The Neighbor Network and other programs such as Kraus' door-to-door visits will be coordinated in the district office.

In preparation for his upcoming campaign, Kraus recently appointed Kenneth Wolf to serve as district coordinator and campaign manager in the new office.

# To Reach Operator Now, Dial '00'

AT&T customers in Arlington (whose phone numbers begin with 483, 488, 641, 643, 646 and 648) will soon have to dial "00" to reach an AT&T operator instead of just "0." AT&T announced today.

Effective April 30, telephone customers wishing to contact an AT&T operator for help related to long distance calling will dial "0."

This new dialing procedure affects only those callers who need to talk to an operator for long distance dialing assistance, credit for misdialed calls and rate and area code information.

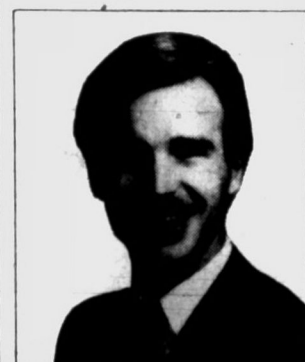
Most calling procedures remain the same, however, because the majority of customers will continue to dial "0" plus area code and phone

number to reach AT&T operators for assistance with AT&T card calls, collect, person-to-person, and third number calling.

"Like every other change, this one will take a little time to get used to," said Kay Lochiatto, operator services manager in Peabody.

For example, Arlington callers who want to know the cost of a five-minute call to Springfield or how to dial direct to Paris, France, should now dial "00."

AT&T operators will continue to assist Eastern Massachusetts customers with long distance calls to the 413 area code, other states and foreign countries. Local telephone company operators will handle only calls within the 617 area code.



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# SUMMER



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**TYPING** (Grades 6-12) — An introduction to the keyboard and typing skills which are applicable to the computer or typewriter keyboard. Courses meets 5 days/week. Cost is \$60 for a three week course, 9:00-11:00, July 7 - July 25.

**COMPUTER FUN AND ENRICHMENT** (Grades 2-4) — Students will learn how to use the microcomputer through the use of educational games and software. Course meets daily for two weeks, 8:30-10:00, June 30 - July 11. Cost is \$45.

**LEARNING LOGO** (Grades 3-7) — An introduction to the most popular computer language for kids. Students will learn to create graphics and games while learning to develop their logical skills. Course meets daily for two weeks, 10:30-12:00, June 30 - July 11. Cost is \$45.

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## ARTS PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Instructors are Norma Aroy and Joseph Ganci. Each course runs for 4 weeks, is 45 minutes in length and the cost is \$40 per course, \$75 for two courses, or \$100 for a full time student (9:00-12:00). Full time students may select 4 of the following 8 courses. June 23 - July 19.

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**BIKING AND CAMPING ON CAPE COD** (Grades 7-12) — A five day bike tour of Cape Cod with David Nihill and Marianne Dunne. Tents and side packs will be supplied but, well tuned, 10 speed bikes and sleeping bags are required. Cost is \$250 (includes meals and round trip boat fare to the Cape). August 11 - August 15.

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Please indicate instrument for summer use if needed \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail applications to: Summer Institute, c/o Arlington Adult/Continuing Education, Arlington High School, 869 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington, MA. Make checks payable to Arlington Public Schools. IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE CHILD ATTENDING, PLEASE SEND SEPARATE CHECKS FOR EACH CHILD. Science Day Camp requires a \$50 minimum deposit.

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Coin appraisers Bruce Dubin, left, and Charles Browne, from Dubin, Browne Rarities Inc., of Millis offer free currency evaluations at the Boston Five bank in Arlington Center. The firm has found a few treasures among the bags of coins.

## Residents Cash In On Appraisals While Experts Look For Treasures

By WILLIAM B. HAYNES

Lost between floorboards, stowed away in drawers, or hidden in a shoe box and tucked away in the attic, may be forgotten treasures.

Men and women who have become neophyte collectors by unearthing a few old coins while spring cleaning, and die-hard numismatics with mint condition silver and gold pieces are lugging their prizes into Boston Five in Arlington Center for free appraisals.

The appraisals by Dubin, Browne Rarities Inc. of Millis began in the bank on April 15 and will continue into May.

Charles Browne of Dubin, Browne said he expects more than 200 people to use the service.

Although so far most of the coins brought to the bank by Arlington residents were not especially valuable, one woman did bring in six

\$5 gold pieces worth a total of \$2,000.

One of the coins, a 1915 Indian head \$5 gold piece, was appraised at over \$1,000.

Browne said 90 percent of the coins they see are silver dimes, nickels, and half-dollars made before 1964 when the coins began to be made up of copper as well as silver.

Although these coins and silver certificates are not commonly in circulation, in drawers of collectors they are overabundant and therefore not worth very much, said Browne.

What makes a coin worth a lot of money, he said, is the amount of coins minted that year, the number that still exist today, and the condition the coin is in.

Most people think all old coins are valuable coins, Browne said. This is simply not true. However he says "in most cases pre-1933 coins do have the most value."

Although these coins are rarely found in circulation, there are still many coin collectors willing to spend a lot of money to fill out their coin portfolios.

"Coin collecting is very popular," said Browne. "There are between 12 and 15 million coin collectors in the United States."

So far in Arlington, the average appraisal given for a 50-coin collection is \$300 to \$400, he said.

### Cookbooks On Sale

Arlington Garden Club cookbooks are still available. A nice thought for a Mother's Day gift, club member suggest.

The cookbooks can be purchased at Sweeney and O'Connell real estate located on Mass. ave. across from St. James Church.

At 1:30 on Saturday afternoon, two children who were playing at the rear of a Ronald rd. home told police that a man shot an arrow at them.

A 7-year-old boy and an 8-year-old boy told police that a man they described as being 5 feet 9 inches tall, with a deformed nose, and wearing a red shirt, blue jeans, and a cap, shot an arrow at them from the woods near King st. and Overlook rd.

### Arrests

Police made four arrests last week.

On Monday, a 15-year-old Arlington youth was arrested in connection with thefts from automobiles.

According to the police, the youth was observed with two others acting suspiciously around a motor vehicle on Mass. ave.

The owner of the motor vehicle identified one of the youths to the police as the one who had stolen his car radio moments earlier.

The juvenile was charged with breaking and entering a motor vehicle, possession of burglarious tools, and larceny over \$100.

Last Wednesday, a 21-year-old Marlboro man was arrested at 2:45 a.m. on Mass. ave. after police observed him driving erratically. He was charged with driving under the influence.

On Thursday, an 18-year-old Arlington man was arrested on numerous out of town motor vehicle warrants.

On Saturday, a 21-year-old Arlington woman was arrested on Mass. ave. and charged with operating after her license was suspended.

### Housebreaks

Last week, 13 houses were broken into in Arlington.

Thieves took \$525 in cash and \$65 in checks from a desk drawer at Leone's Deli, 1320 Mass. ave. on last Tuesday night.

The glove compartment was ransacked in a truck parked on Ryder st. last Wednesday.

A Florence ave. home was entered by breaking the glass on a side door on Thursday night.

A Park ave. home was also entered on Thursday.

On Friday, thieves entered a Grandview rd. home while the residents were away in Florida.

Also on Friday, a \$400 VCR, a \$300 compact disk player, and three compact disks worth \$45 were stolen from a School st. home when thieves entered through a rear ceiling door.

A Pentax camera, \$300 cash, and jewelry were taken from a Candia st. home on Friday after thieves entered through a bedroom window.

Gold coins were taken from a Dathan st. home on Friday after thieves entered through the back door window.

A Seiko watch was taken from a Thorndike st. home on Saturday.

A five-karat diamond ring worth \$5,000 and other jewelry and \$146 cash were taken from a Bradley rd. home on Sunday.

On Monday, \$3000 worth of goods were stolen from Walcott Sales, 144 Mystic st. An RCA recorder valued at \$1,349, a Quasar recorder valued at \$1,300, and a Philco video recorder valued at \$400 were stolen.

On Monday a Mystic st. home was entered after thieves forced open a door.

### Thefts

Last week, two cars, three bikes, a car bumper, and five car stereos were reported stolen.

Last Wednesday, a bumper was taken off of a 1985 Toyota pickup truck while it was parked on Broadway.

A pink girl's Huffy bike valued at \$100 was stolen from a home on Upland rd. West last Wednesday.

A boy's BMX bike valued at \$600 was stolen from Downing Square on Wednesday.

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## Police Log

A 1981 Pontiac was stolen from Arrow Pontiac, 25 Mass. ave. on Friday. A light blue Univega bike valued at \$165 was stolen from Henry st. on Saturday.

On Sunday, stereos were stolen from five cars parked on Appleton st., Benjamin rd., Eustis st., School st. and Rhinecliff st.

A 1985 Chevrolet Corvette belonging to a Somerville man was stolen from the municipal lot on Saturday.

### Vandalism

Vandals damaged 12 cars, four stores and seven homes last week.

Last Tuesday, two tires were slashed on a 1985 Toyota parked on Highland ave.

The automatic teller machine was damaged at Boston 5 Cents Savings, 325 Broadway on Thursday.

Also on Thursday, a window was broken at Arc Telesystems, 31 Lake st. A 1986 Chevrolet was damaged by rocks at Mirak Chevrolet, 1125 Mass. ave. on Thursday.

On Friday, four tires were slash-

ed on one car parked on Thorndike st., and one tire was slashed on another car there.

The rear tail lights were smashed on a 1983 Dodge parked on Westminster ave. on Friday.

On Friday, windows were damaged on a Sorensen rd. home, and a Mass. ave. house.

A planter was damaged on an Edgehill rd. home on Friday, as was plate glass on a Mass. ave. home.

A large glass window was broken on a Mass. ave. home on Friday, and a side window was broken on a Churchill ave. house.

On Sunday, windows were broken on a 1982 Subaru parked on Appleton st. and a 1986 SAAB parked on Sutherland rd. A 1980 BMW on Wollaston ave. and the roof was damaged on a 1981 Oldsmobile on Churchill ave.

On Monday, the hood of a 1977 Chevrolet Corvette was damaged, and a window was broken on a 1986 Nissan.

A large window was broken on a Cherokee rd. home on Monday.

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Seventh and eighth grade students from St. Agnes School display the awards they won in an oratorical contest for the Boston Archdiocese. They won a second place team award after receiving a first, second, third and fourth prize in divisional contests. Front row from left are Michelle Banks, Marie Walsh, Laura Lynch, and Vio Nyireidi. In the back row from left are Cara Alterio, Jennifer Hanley, Mike Power, Susan Davis, and Kim Munsey.

(Erica Leanos Photo)

## Newbury College Sign-Up Begins

Newbury College is now open on Saturday to register interested students for the summer semester which begins May 19. The office is located at Arlington High School, 869 Mass. Ave.

The Arlington campus of Newbury College offers degree programs, certificate programs, as well as individual courses for personal enrichment.

Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday evenings. The new office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Anyone interested in registering for classes should contact Sue Rosen, that campus director, at 648-5424. Newbury College, a two-year college, is accredited by the New England Assn. of Schools and Colleges.

Monday: Sausage sub with sautéed peppers & onions, shredded lettuce with dressing, chilled fruit, milk.  
Tuesday: Meatball sub, shredded lettuce with dressing, chilled fruit, milk.  
Wednesday: Bar-b-que ribs on roll, tomato slice & pickle chips on lettuce, fruit, milk.  
Thursday: Cutlet parmesan on bulgie, tossed salad with dressing, chilled fruit, milk.  
Friday: Variety day, shredded lettuce with dressing, chilled fruit, milk.

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## Menu

Arlington Public Schools-Lunch Menu

May 5 - May 9, 1986

Secondary Schools

Choose 1 entree, 2 servings fruit and/or vegetable, 1-8 oz. carton skim or whole milk.

High School

Monday: Sausage sub with sautéed peppers & onions, shredded lettuce with dressing, chilled fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Meatball sub, shredded lettuce with dressing, chilled fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Bar-b-que ribs on roll, tomato slice & pickle chips on lettuce, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Cutlet parmesan on bulgie, tossed salad with dressing, chilled fruit, milk.

Friday: Variety day, shredded lettuce with dressing, chilled fruit, milk.

Junior High Schools

Monday: Sausage sub with sautéed peppers & onions, shredded lettuce with dressing, chilled fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Meatball sub, shredded lettuce with dressing, chilled fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Hamburger in a bun, tomato slice & pickle chips on lettuce, fruit, milk. T.S. bar-b-que ribs on roll.

Thursday: Cutlet parmesan on bulgie, tossed salad with dressing, chilled fruit, milk.

Friday: Variety day, shredded lettuce with dressing, chilled fruit, milk.

Elementary

Monday: Sausage & pancakes, maple syrup, apple sauce, orange juice, milk.

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets with sauce, potato puffs, fruit jello with topping, milk.

Wednesday: Milk.

Thursday: Roast turkey & gravy, cranberry sauce, whipped potato, carrot cake, milk.

Friday: The chow daddy combo pizza with juice and dy no mite bar with milk.

## Ask The Educators Athletic Director Explains How Players Are Selected

Liz McKonough  
Director of Athletics  
Arlington High School

**Question:** How are players selected for teams at Arlington High School and if they make the team is there any policy about playing time?

The athletic program at Arlington High School consists of 23 varsity activities with 43 different teams. Thirty-seven coaches, some coach 2 seasons, deal with approximately 300-350 athletes each season.

Almost all aspects of the program are regulated and conducted through the M.I.A.A., which answers to the Mass. Interscholastic Athletic Council which is endorsed by the Mass. Association of School Committees, School Superintendents, Secondary School Administrators, and Middle Level School Administrators.

Any particular sport has a period of two to three weeks between the opening day of practice and the first scheduled competition.

During this time a coach will probably deal with an average of 30-40 candidates interested in playing on a team with as few as five on a team and as many as 11 on a team.

Depending on the sport itself, there may be as many as 60-70 candidates for a rather limited number of playing positions. Most coaches will put the candidates through a series of skill drills and controlled scrimmages evaluating participants' performances on a daily basis.

Except for the specific freshman teams, this is not really a teaching situation. It is expected that most candidates will have the basic skills and

use the try-out time to learn the team strategies and use of individual skills in a team setting.

There are no specific guidelines regarding the playing time of individuals. I think it is safe to say that every coach tries to give every individual on the team meaningful playing time before the season closes.

The important thing to remember is that some sports have liberal substitution rules while others such as gymnastics, tennis, and track do not have substitutions as such. The individual who starts a competition in these sports must complete the event; no one can substitute for any reason.

Dr. John J. Welch  
Assistant Superintendent  
Pupil Personnel Services

**Question:** What is a core evaluation? Who determines when one is to be done?

Under the provisions of Chapter 71B of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Special Education Act, school systems throughout the Commonwealth are required to identify, evaluate and place students in need of special education services.

A school official, parent, legal guardian, social worker or family physician may refer a child for an evaluation. Students 18 years of age or older may refer themselves for an evaluation.

Evaluations are conducted by a multi-disciplinary team of specialists in all areas related to the child's suspected need for special education. Each specialist conducting an assessment is trained in the area of suspected need and will provide the child with a complete and individualized assessment.

Following completion of an evaluation, a conference is held with the child's parents to review the team's findings. In the event services are warranted, the team will develop an Individualized Education Plan which specifies the type and scope of service recommended for the child.

This plan is reviewed on an annual basis and modified as circumstances warrant.

**Question:** When a student falls below minimum competency are the

parents notified and informed of the remedial process?

The Massachusetts Policy on Basic Skills Improvement requires that all students in the early elementary, later elementary and secondary grades be evaluated at least once in order to determine their competencies in reading, mathematics, writing, and listening.

The parents of students who fail to meet the minimum standards established by the school system are notified in writing following completion of the assessment phase. In those instances where remediation beyond what the regular classroom teacher can offer is indicated, parents will be invited to confer with the appropriate school personnel to discuss specific recommendations.

Dr. Joanne Gurry  
Assistant Superintendent  
Curriculum and Instruction

**Question:** How often are textbooks replaced and what is the process of choosing them?

Textbooks are reviewed on an ongoing basis, and are replaced as needs for revised or updated materials become known.

In some academic areas, textbook turnover is more frequent as information and methodology changes. While in other cases, older texts represent the very best sources published in their areas.

In our system-wide curriculum development process, we now initiate, develop, implement and evaluate programs in steady, system-wide process. This means that in a four to five year period all programs will have reviewed their offerings and materials.

Textbook selection is a lengthy process which may involve many of all of the following steps: a review process in which staff, department heads and principals establish program objectives, study available texts, contact other school systems using the texts, conduct readability checks, bring in publishers' consultants, read reviews in professional publications and, in some cases, do pilot studies of promising materials.

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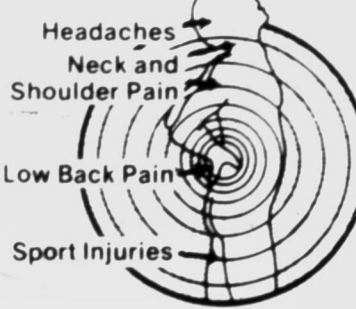
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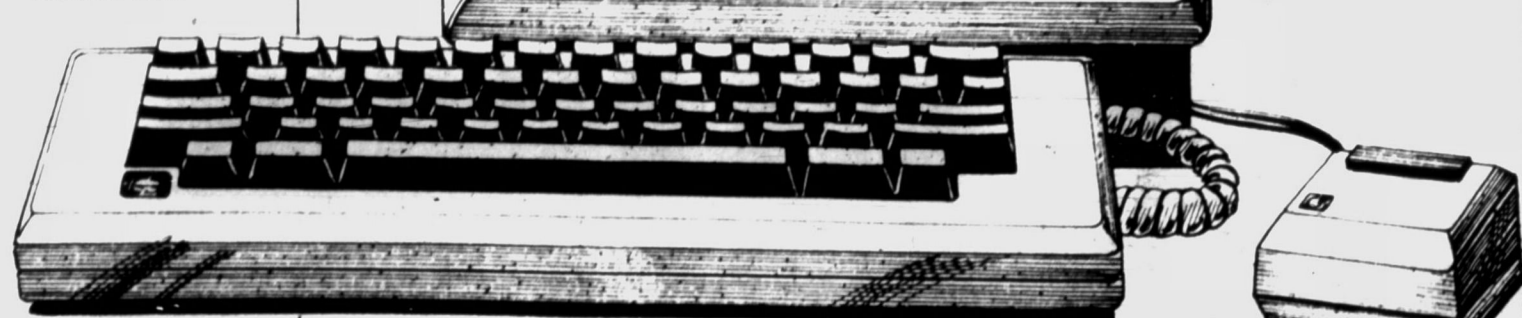
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## Meeting Set For Ottoson Parents

For the benefit of sixth grade parents, there will be an informational meeting on May 13, at 7:15 p.m. in the school cafeteria at Ottoson Junior High School for the parents of students entering the seventh grade this fall.

## Rindge '36 Class Plans A Reunion

The 1936 class of Rindge Technical High School is planning its 50th reunion on Monday, Nov. 24.

For more information and details call Bill Morse at 648-7382 or Charlie Sprague at 864-4206.

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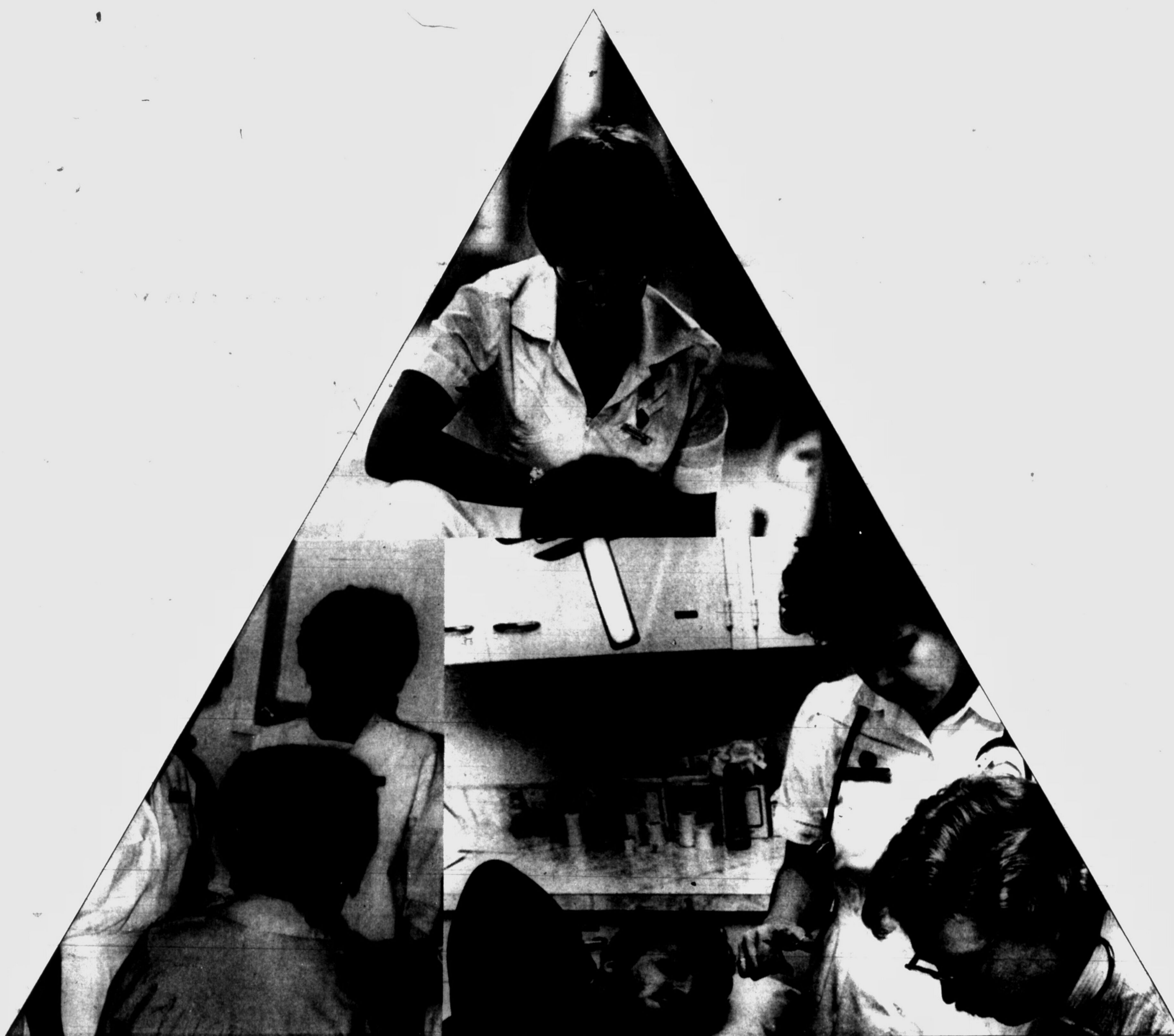
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## State House

**Oil Costs (H 5600)**—House 111-29 rejected an amendment reducing several heating oil accounts by 37 percent.

Amendment supporters said lower fuel prices dictate this reduction which will save money.

Opponents said the accounts have already been appropriately reduced.

A "Yea" vote is for the amendment. A "Nay" vote is against it.

Representatives John Cusack and Mary Jane Gibson voted no.

**Business (H 5600)**—House 105-38 rejected an amendment raising the current one percent investment tax credit for businesses to three percent until December 1989.

Amendment supporters said the recent hike to three percent expired last December and argued a new hike will keep businesses in Massachusetts, encourage employment and eventually boost other state revenues.

Opponents said the hike is being considered in a separate bill and claimed the state budget was not the proper vehicle for the hike.

A "Yea" vote is for the amendment. A "Nay" vote is against it.

Gibson voted no. Cusack did not vote.

**Stabilization Fund (H 5600)**—House 79-59 rejected a lengthy amendment making several changes in the stabilization fund provisions of the budget.

Supporters said the amendment would index the state's vanishing exemption to the rate of inflation to make the exemption more meaningful and help the taxpayer. They noted the amendment also makes other key changes including creation of a local aid stabilization fund to protect cities and towns and insure they receive sufficient local aid.

Opponents said the amendment goes too far and argued the Ways and Means version is adequate.

A "Yea" vote is for the amendment. A "Nay" vote is against it.

Cusack voted yes. Gibson voted no.

**Mental Health (H 5600)**—House 84-62 rejected an amendment requiring individual service plans (ISP) to be prepared for persons in mental health facilities and providing that when the person is no longer in need of hospitalization, he or she be discharged and be given treatment and support in an appropriate community setting as described in the ISP.

Amendment supporters said this will help the mentally ill by prohibiting their discharge onto the streets without a proper plan and without appropriate community facilities to take care of them.

Opponents said the amendment could cost \$300 million and is not feasible at this time. They noted many other provisions to help the mentally ill are included in the budget.

A "Yea" vote is for the amendment. A "Nay" vote is against it.

Cusack and Gibson voted no.

**Rent (H 5600)**—House 80-72 rejected a \$17.6 million amendment

raising the proposed \$25 per month rent allowance for Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) recipients living in private housing to \$50 per month.

Amendment supporters said this will help thousands of families who live below the poverty line and cannot find public housing.

Opponents said the \$25 supplement is helpful and sufficient, noted the budget already offers extensive help to AFDC recipients and claimed another \$17 million is excessive.

A "Yea" vote is for the amendment. A "Nay" vote is against it.

Cusack voted yes. Gibson voted no.

**Legal Assistance (H 5600)**—House 91-60 approved an amendment providing \$250,000 in funding for the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation. On April 8, the House 73-72, had removed a similar \$250,000 provision.

Amendment supporters said the funding will provide legal representation to Massachusetts residents seeking refugee status or political asylum in the U.S.

Opponents said the federal government already offers this service and argued the state should not spend tax money on this.

A "Yea" vote is for the \$250,000. A "Nay" vote is against it.

Cusack and Gibson voted yes.

**Registry (H 5600)**—House 126-11 approved an amendment increasing funding for the Registry of Motor Vehicles by \$400,000.

Amendment supporters said the hike was necessary and justified to improve the operation of the Registry.

Opponents said the Registry's funding has already been substantially increased in this year's budget.

A "Yea" vote is for the amendment. A "Nay" vote is against it.

Cusack voted yes. Gibson did not vote.

**Elderly (H 5600)**—House 136-8 approved an amendment striking a previous House-approved amendment giving a \$3000 tax credit to individuals who care for an infirmed person 70 or older in their homes and replacing it with a new amendment giving a \$3200 exemption to those who care for any elderly person, other than a spouse, 75 or older in their home.

Amendment supporters, claiming the \$3000 credit was too expensive and would cost the state \$180 million, said a \$3200 exemption was a fair compromise.

Opponents said the credit would give real relief and allow a wage earner to stay home and care for a loved one. They argued an exemption would provide little relief or incentive.

A "Yea" vote is for the amendment. A "Nay" vote is against it.

Cusack voted yes. Gibson did not vote.

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## Bulletin Board

Conservation Commission — May 1, 8 p.m., hearing room, second floor, Town Hall.

Affordable Housing Task Force — May 1, 8 p.m., conference room, Town Hall Annex.

Board of Assessors — May 3, 7 p.m., first floor, Town Hall.

Board of Selectmen — May 5, 7:15 p.m., second floor, Town Hall.

Redevelopment Board — May 5, 8 p.m., first floor, Town Hall Annex.

Park and Recreation Commission — May 6, 7:30 p.m., Recreation office, Veterans Memorial Sports Center, 422 Summer St.

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## Guest Column

### Baffled By Name But Reunion Not Ruined

Russell School Reunion — how exciting it was to see an ad in The Advocate for this event. Imagine seeing your friends and teachers from 37 years ago.

The three of us — two gals and a guy — were anticipating the big event.

The memories of Miss Chater, Miss Fetterich, Miss McCarlie, and Miss Dow. Miss Ahearn playing softball with the kids. Was she going to be there?

When the night of April 5 came, our classmates from Burlington joined us and off we went to the VFW Hall in Cambridge.

We checked in and got our "Hello" tags and entered the hall. We agreed to get a table near the stage, D.J., and

music. On the wall, lists were posted to add your name under your year of graduation. We enjoyed sharing our memories between the three of us.

The crowds kept arriving and everyone was finding an old friend. The D.J. was the master of ceremonies but he was hardly effective over the loud talking and music.

The plot thickens. Tables are added to accommodate the crowd. Our

gentleman escort offered to get our plates of food. It wasn't easy being pushed and shoved, but he made his way back to our table and we enjoyed the food.

Meanwhile the D.J. announced a big happening. Russell School T-shirts were available for \$6. We decided to get one since they were maroon, our

town color.

The memory books were passed out full of names and addresses and life histories. I thought "How nice and well made."

I saw the names I sent in and noticed a variety of graduating dates from 1914 to 1975. We thought the building was condemned in 1950, how did they have more classes? Oh well, the thought passed.

Among the estimated 1500 people in attendance, we began feeling strange. Each of us mingled through the crowd and saw not one familiar

Arlington face. We checked the wall list and still so no names we knew.

Oh, we wondered what else would happen. The announcement came to honor the teachers with banquets of

flowers. As presentations were made to Miss Casey, a headmaster and others, we didn't find anyone familiar. We applauded anyway, but where was Miss Ahearn?

Next on the agenda, class pictures were to be taken. This was time consuming. It started from 1914 and we couldn't wait for our class of 1949 and 1950.

At this point we were bored, confused and disappointed. We had not seen any other Russell School friends from the good old days.

The next day, I couldn't wait to share the story with a classmate in Maine who didn't get down. She was anxious to hear the details. I had the Memory Book in front of me.

Then "light dawned on marble

head" as the expression goes. I said guess what, "This book tells the story of the Russell School in Cambridge."

We went into expensive hysterics via Ma Bell.

After hanging up I figured it three ways.

1. It was an evening out.

2. What's \$15 each for tickets, easy come, easy go.

3. We three did have fun together. Why not have our Russell School Arlington, friends in a Russell School Cambridge, book for a novelty.

Like the Titanic, "We all went down together."

How about a real-Russell School Arlington, Reunion?

A Russell School graduate.

Class of '49

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## Letters To The Editor

### Zoning Board Of Appeals Chairman Defends Actions

TO THE EDITOR:

In reference to the meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals that I called for March 6, Mr. Demurjian, Mr. Butler and Mr. Maloy, the applicant's attorney, all received legal and actual notice of this meeting.

Mr. Butler, in fact, assisted me in scheduling the meeting at a date and time that was most convenient for all the parties, that complied with the open meeting law and that was within the limited time remaining to file the board's written decision.

Similarly, Mr. Demurjian, Mr. Butler and Mr. Maloy knew well in advance that my purpose in calling the meeting was to change my original vote because it appeared from further legal research that, in granting the Special Permit, the Board had exceeded its statutory authority.

Furthermore, case law upon which I had based this conclusion, I suggested that all parties concerned review the law and be prepared to discuss it at the meeting.

I filed the Board's written decision, which had to be filed within two business days, and accurately recorded Mr. Demurjian's and Mr. Butler's votes to grant the Special Permit and my own vote to deny it.

Before assuming their public offices, members of the Zoning Board of Appeals swear to execute faithfully their duties. At a minimum, this duty requires members to attend lawfully convened public meetings.

Article 10 to 10d of the Zoning By-laws of the Town of Arlington and Rule 8 of the Board's own Rules and Regulations, authorizes the chairman to call public meetings. Those who are unwilling to attend these meetings, without good cause, ought to reconsider their oaths of office.

I read with some interest that Mr. Demurjian and Mr. Butler have publicly criticized me. One would think that public officials who refuse to attend public meetings would be more circumspect with their public criticism.

Lastly, your reporter's discussion of use variances is somewhat misleading and immaterial to this matter.

Robert C. Moran, Chairman  
Zoning Board of Appeals

### Msgr. John Feeney Will Be Missed

TO THE EDITOR:

As a former parishioner of St. James parish for 40 years, my family and I deeply mourn the recent death of our former beloved pastor and family friend Monsignor John F. Feeney.

From the day of his arrival at St. James, he was deeply respected and loved. He gave of himself as long as he was able to, and then even beyond that.

Even though he had not been well for the last four years, he still remained his lively and well-liked self.

He was most loved also by all the children that attended St. James School, as I was a close observer, having served as secretary to St. James School for 20 years.

St. James parishioners I know will always remember him as being a truly good man as well as being a holy human being. He touched many of our lives for which we are truly grateful.

In the years that Father Feeney was our pastor, he did many good deeds which remained just between God and himself.

We will never forget Father Feeney, he left his mark on many of us that knew him and loved him.

Even though we were no longer parishioners he always kept in touch with us and we with him.

When he first arrived at St. James and he was addressed as Monsignor he would say "Call me father, it took me many years to achieve that title, the other only took a stamp."

That was typical of his humor. He was everyone's equal and was deeply interested in the lives of his parishioners and very caring.

He will be missed by his family especially by his sister, Peg, who he mentioned often and loved very much.

I am sure that we and our family are not the only ones that feel this way about Father Feeney. He may be gone, but he most certainly will never be forgotten.

Dorothy and Al Scott and Family

The 1985 population of the town was 46,465, making a second ladder company not a luxury, but a necessity. Prior to 1925 the Fire Department had only one ladder company. Ladder 2 at Highland was formed to protect the heights area.

It is my observation that the town is still heavily populated and has its share of buildings over three stories, requiring the services of two ladder companies.

The report also points out that there were only 27 "working fires" in 1985. This figures out to two "working fires" a month.

But, what of next year? Can or does the report guarantee that the town's fire losses will remain at the same level or decrease?

The results of the report if implemented would lead to an increase in fire losses and its reflective increase upon fire insurance rates.

The report seems to place a great deal of faith in the Mutual Aid system. Arlington can not expect its surrounding communities to subsidize its fire protection. The reality of the situation is that the surrounding towns are also faced with limited manpower and fiscal problems.

Their first priority and rightly so is to their own community.

The report failed to make any mention of the fact that Mutual Aid is a two-way street and Arlington will be expected to respond to emergencies in other communities.

The report also goes on to discount the possibility of two simultaneous fires occurring at the same time, when history has proven this theory wrong on numerous occasions.

Why does the town seem so adamant about reducing the size of the Fire Department, a service dedicated to the protection of life and property?

All it takes is the loss of one human life to render the report on manpower and company reductions a total and tragic waste.

Frank J. San Severino

**Nursing Home To Close**

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was sent to the families of

residents of the Park Circle Nursing Home and to The Advocate.

After 23 years of immensely dedicated service to the elderly community of Arlington, it is with much sadness and deep personal regret that Mrs. Gloria Marzocchi, administrator/owner, of the Park Circle Nursing Home Corporation, announces her intention to retire and therefore has decided to close the facility within six months.

This very difficult decision was made after many months of serious personal deliberation and therefore the administration, after having considered all options, felt it would be in the best interest of all the residents to close the facility rather than subject them to a new proprietor.

The administration with the assistance of the Social Service Director, Mrs. Lepore, and the Director of Nursing Service, Mrs. Potter, will make every attempt to secure an alternative placement for each resident. However we do feel that every family be actively involved in this process as soon as possible. Also please note that the facility has requested the assistance of the Long Term Care Unit of the Department of Public Welfare in the relocation of Medicaid recipients.

It is our most sincere desire that the residents of the Park Circle Nursing Home will be able to find suitable relocation in a home that maintains the same professional standards as we.

Over the years a very close relationship has developed between the residents and the staff and therefore speaking on behalf of the entire staff, we will miss them all, since we have always thought of them as our own family.

We remain available for any further discussion of this matter and we trust that we can count on your cooperation in order to make this relocation as comfortable as possible thus creating a minimal amount of personal trauma for all involved. We would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your fine cooperation you have shown in the past.

The Marzocchi Family  
Park Circle Nursing Home Corp.

### Resident Against Police/Fire Cuts

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to address several points that the firm of Cresak, McCormick and Paget seemed to miss in compiling their report on the Arlington Fire Department.

A second engine company has responded from Headquarters since 1931, when Engine Company 4 was formed. Under the present operations both Engines 1 and 4 arrive on the scene simultaneously.

Under the proposed plan one engine would respond from Headquarters to any alarm in the east end. If Engine 2 at Highland is out on a previous alarm (an occurrence which can and does often happen, a fact the report seemingly overlooked), then Engine 3 from Park Circle would become the second due engine company, thus increasing the overall response time.

Two engine companies at Headquarters are vital for both fire protection and life safety in the east end.

Another factor to consider is the type of building construction found in Arlington.

Dwellings are large wood frame single and multi-family occupancies. Many of the larger dwellings are closely grouped, and under the right conditions a fire of conflagration proportions could occur.

As for the elimination of Ladder 1 at Headquarters, this would be a major miscalculation.

Miss Eileen A. Conradi

### Mill Trustees Support Rezoning

TO THE EDITOR:

The trustees of The Old Schwamb Mill met on Saturday, April 26, and considered supporting an article in the May 19 Special Town Meeting warrant to change the zoning on six adjoining lots of Larson and Robson properties on Lowell St. and Mill Lane from Industrial to R-7 Residential District.

The Larson property contains the barn and dryhouse of the historic Old Schwamb Mill. The article, signed by 100 registered voters, requires a two-thirds vote of the Town Meetings to pass.

There was an hour and a half of intense discussion between the trustees and developers Gerald Brecher and Daniel O'Connell, who have entered into purchase and sale agreements with the Larson brothers and David Robson for purchase of the properties.

The discussion concluded with a unanimous decision in favor of supporting the rezoning article with this resolution:

### Resident Reunited With Injured Cat

TO THE EDITOR:

I wish to publicly thank Arlington's Animal Control Officer, Sal Catanzano, for an outstanding job of reuniting me with my lost and injured cat.

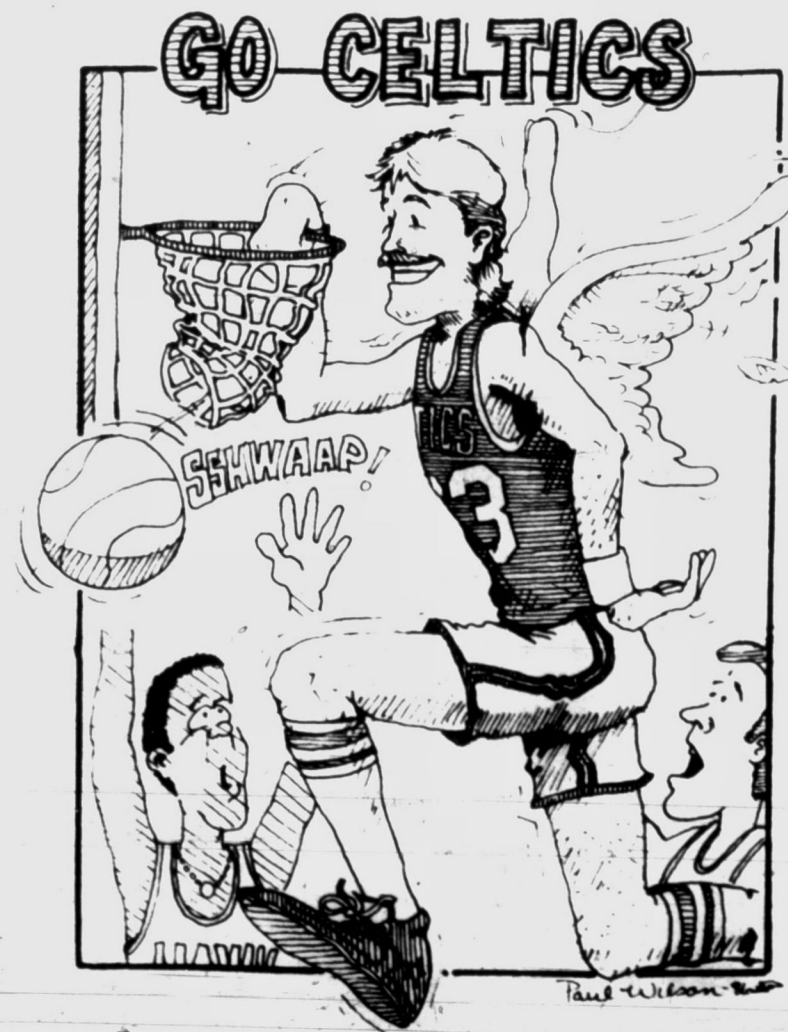
Through a bizarre set of circumstances spanning three days, Sal really went beyond the call, piecing together information and making phone calls which ultimately led me to a good samaritan, Keith O'Boyle of Gay St., a compassionate young man, who originally found my injured cat and took him in out of the extremely bad weather, not once but twice, and probably saved his life.

It is comforting to know we have such caring town employees and caring neighbors.

Happily, my cat recovered slowly but surely after several weeks of proper care and attention.

Again, many thanks to Sal and Keith.

Miss Eileen A. Conradi





# Letters To The Editor

## Accolades For Music Shows

TO THE EDITOR:  
I would like to convey my warmest thanks to the Arlington Music Department for giving us the parents, a stupendous extravaganza of music on the evenings of April 15 and 16, showing us what our children can accomplish under the direction of great teachers such as we have from elementary level straight through to high school.

I fully realize how much work and effort goes in producing this kind of event involving over 650 students and feel that the Music Department certainly deserves a special applause for their achievement.

I especially enjoyed this year's double evening of "stages" a new concept which started the evening with the beginner students going straight through to the high school students. It certainly showed me how much children can grow in music.

I was especially fortunate to have a child in each evening's performance and felt I just had to write not only to express how proud I was of both my children's accomplishments but to thank all the music teachers for their dedication, patience and kindness in the handling of all our talented musicians.

I have but one disappointment to express however and that is the lack of coverage by The Arlington Advocate. When something this good and positive is happening in our town, Arlingtonians should be aware of the great accomplishments by the young people who are in our school system today.

Frances Boschi

## Letter Signers

TO THE EDITOR:  
Allow me to comment on the 160 people who signed the letter to John Zaccardi who interrupted his professional involvement in a 1.5 million dollar renovation contract in Wilmington to aid Arlington baseball at Spy Pond Field.

The thank you letter was signed by the 23 varsity squad members of the 1986 Arlington High School Spy Ponders, their two coaches, and 36 parents. The Junior Varsity had 21 players, their coach, and 24 parents sign their names. Twenty freshmen squad members, 32 parents, and the freshmen coach signed.

Since the work was done, many interested citizens have become involved in Restoring Spy Pond Field (R.S.P.F.) to its former status as the premier baseball facility for the youth of the Town of Arlington.

Thank you for the opportunity to elaborate on the signatures to the Zaccardi Letter.

J. Robert Lavery  
Varsity Baseball Coach  
Arlington High School

## Elks Thanks

TO THE EDITOR:  
It was again a pleasure for the Arlington Lodge of Elks to sponsor the Aleppo Temple Shriners in the Patriot's Day Parade.

Every year the Elks sponsor the Shriners for the benefit of the Shriner Burn Hospital. I would like to thank Illustrous Potentate Ralph S. Cohen and the Shriners of the Mounted Patrol, Motor Patrol, Motorcycle Patrol and the clowns for marching with us.

A special thanks to Boy Scouts John and Michael Doherty for carrying the Elks banner.

I would like to thank Bill Gardener, Bob Logan, John Ciaramaglia, Mike Hogan, Dan Bond, Trent Alexis, Hank Philips, Paul McCarthy, Andy Puccino, Dave Bond, Charlie McGuire, Matt Blanchette, Brandon Phillips, Pat Nixon and Olga Ciaramaglia for representing the Arlington Lodge of Elks in the POW/MIA March held in Brighton on Sunday, April 20, to show support for our POW/MIA's.

It was a great pleasure and honor for me to carry the name of MIA John Leaver of Arlington.

Bob Blanchette  
Exalted Ruler  
Arlington B.P.O.E. 1435

## House Addition Upsets Residents

TO THE EDITOR:  
In reply to article on page 3 of April 3 edition of The Arlington Advocate.

Please be assured that residents of the Dow Avenue section are upset by the addition which looks like a house added on by a breezeway to 64 Dow Ave. This is evidenced by the 69 signatures received in opposition to its construction.

Many Arlington residents, not only those on Dow Avenue, have expressed concern and do not believe that this is happening in Arlington.

The zoning laws should be changed.

The Walsh Family

## Education Assn. President Praises School System

The Editor's Note: The following presentation was made by Larry Greco, president of the Arlington Education Assn. at the April 7 Town Meeting.

Good evening. Let me introduce myself. I am Larry Greco. I have been a seventh grade math teacher at the Gibbs Jr. High for the past 10

years, and am currently the President of the Arlington Education Assn. I am Arlington-educated, having attended the Thompson, Peirce and Stratton Elementary schools, the Jr. High West and Arlington High School. Along with my wife, I am a homeowner on Dodge St.

Let me start by saying that I am extremely proud of all of my associations with this fine town.

I've asked to speak with you tonight as you pass the school budget to share with you some appreciative thoughts and to take the time to reflect upon the profound importance of public education.

Let us not routinely pass the budget tonight without allowing ourselves to feel special. Special in a way a community feels special when it has done well for its people. In all too many years, we haven't had the chance to feed deservingly special on this evening.

Maybe because public education is so firmly established that we tend as a community to take it for granted. Or maybe because in recent years, financial issues have become so monumental we have failed to enjoy our investment in our schools.

Or just maybe because we are so accustomed to providing quality education for the children of Arlington that we as a community have not reveled in our extraordinary school system.

Whatever the reason, it's a shame, because in doing so we have cheated ourselves of the opportunity to recognize and be proud of the tremendous opportunities and services that this town provides for our young.

Upon reflecting on the role of public education in our society today, I have arrived at the conclusion that it is still central to the American way of life. It is still the means by which the American dream is realized. A dream which some might want you to believe can only be measured in money.

But today for us, as it was in yesteryears for those who immigrated to America and their families, the American dream is opportunity. The opportunity to strive for goals and to be able to work hard to fulfill them.

Public education is what enables our children to share in that dream. Without it, the American dream would be only that, a dream.

As I was growing up, my grandmother who came from Italy would constantly remind me of the importance of studying. She would say, "Lorenze if you no study you be a bum." She also said in those words that education would be the key to opening many doors in my life. Tonight, feel good that we provide our

children with the opportunity to dream.

Furthermore, in order for a democracy to thrive, it assumes that it has an informed and compassionate electorate. In that respect the schools serve as important a part in the facilitation of our democracy as any elected official or law.

Tonight as a proud and accomplished community, let us be confident in our commitment to public education. May all of our citizens feel good about their investment, their investment in our future.

May our students feel privileged, committed to learning, and appreciative for they enjoy the opportunity to dream with their eyes open and their minds alert. May all our educators feel recognized for the job they do, for they serve a vital role in preparing our children to reach for their dreams.

And may we as the Arlington community always hold dear one of our town's finest resources - our public education system.

## Drive A Success

TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to Muscular Dystrophy at the Patriots Day parade through our "Fill The Boot" Drive.

Due to your caring, over \$1325 was collected to help fight this crippling disease.

We would also like to thank the Patriots Day Parade Committee for continued support and the Harvard Trust for totalling the donations.

Again, thank you all for your generosity in making this campaign the best we've ever had.

Arlington Firefighters  
Local 1297 M.D.A. Committee

## Citizens For Life Welcome Others

TO THE EDITOR:

It's time that the Massachusetts taxpayers had their say against public funding of abortion in Massachusetts.

In 1984, we were forced to pay \$1,147,064 for 7,102 abortions. (Figures based on latest statistics from the Department of Public Welfare.)

This public funding of abortions was mandated by our Supreme Court in 1981. Neither our taxpayers nor our state legislature has approved this policy. Isn't it time we had our say?

On April 16th our state legislators will meet at the state house for a constitutional convention. At this convention it will be decided whether to allow

the taxpayers to vote on the issue in November.

Write or call your state legislators. Urge them to vote to send the state constitutional amendment on public abortion funding to the people of Massachusetts in November.

To confront issues such as this, Arlington citizens have begun a chapter of the Massachusetts Citizens for Life. We welcome any new members.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 15, at 8 p.m. in the St. James Convent meeting room. For more information call Jan Hardy at 646-7617.

Jan Hardy

## In Criticism Of Manugian's Column

TO THE EDITOR:

In response to Richard Manugian's article: This world is filled with people who believe that being anti-establishment is, by itself, a virtue.

Mr. Manugian placed on the pedestal of independent thought what I see as a form of alternative conformism.

Many "anti-establishment" groups have been composed of leaders who were self-serving egotists and followers who couldn't wait to jump on some bandwagon.

Jerry Rubin is a case in point. Another example is Abbie Hoffman, a former associate of his, who wrote a book that told kids how to make bombs and get a free ride through life by ripping off small businesses (even Robin Hood would have been disgusted).

I question whether there is, or ever was, an "establishment."

Sometimes I think it was dreamed up by people who needed something to fight against and wanted a convenient catch-all phrase to simplify every issue.

We live in a highly pluralistic society made of people, not political stereotypes. It is naive to believe that people must be placed in one of only two categories.

It is childishly simplistic to go a step further and assign certain characteristics to each category.

I have heard foes of the "establishment" suggest that they are more virtuous, more intelligent and more aware, and that those who actively deal with the "establishment" or passively accept it are either ignorant, asleep or simply courting the devil.

Judging people with such a rigid formula (are they establishment or anti-establishment?) is too mechanical to be treated as a thoughtful

process.

When a problem arises many "anti-establishment" groups will launch themselves on a mission. Rather than deal directly with the source of their problems they will assume the existence of a far-flung conspiracy and over-extend themselves, which is counter-productive in the end.

I want to close my letter by addressing Mr. Manugian's closing assertion about the character of mankind ("So I'm not going to trust anybody I may be mistaken. But I won't be wrong.")

If his perceptions of the world are based on the mistrust of everybody, then he will always be wrong.

Kenneth C. Marquis

## Silver Haired Senator Elect Thanks Seniors

TO THE EDITOR:

As of this date 4-26-86, I have just received the formal pronouncement of my election as Silver Haired Senator-elect.

I wish to thank the seniors for their support and votes which assured me of victory in that election.

I want to commend those who gave of their talent and time during the voting procedure.

As in past years I have served as a volunteer advocating for the cause of seniors and I shall continue to serve and aid them in all phases of concern for them in the future.

Morton J. Thorburn

## On Power And Town Meeting

TO THE EDITOR:

The March 27 editorial of The Arlington Advocate warned of the danger we Town Meeting members are facing today and concluded that the problem is within the Town Meeting and not without.

The future of our grassroots democratic form of town government is at stake. I want to share an experience at the session of April 2 with my fellow Arlingtonians.

One of the important issues was the abolition of the Capital Budget Committee and its replacement with a Capital Budget Planning Program, for which the Warrant included several proposals.

Two of them had been inserted by the Town moderator. I requested that one of these be taken up for recon-

sideration and suggested that Harry McCabe vacate the chair during that discussion and appoint another person to preside.

I quoted Town Meeting Time, a handbook by a Boston Rules of Practice our Arlington Town Meeting is conducted. Its chapter 10, Conflict of Interest, states: "Needless to say, if any matter comes before the meeting in which the moderator is interested, or appears to be interested, he should step down from the platform and designate someone else to preside during the consideration of and voting on that article." (page 136)

The moderator replied that he was interested in all warrant articles and I appealed to the Town Counsel for a legal opinion. John Maher explained that this was a procedural matter and that the moderator had absolute power on procedures from which there is no legal appeal.

Thus, I lost my point of order. However, our Town Bylaws read as follows:

"The duties of the Moderator and the government of the Town Meeting not specially provided for by law, or by the foregoing rules, shall be determined by rules of practice contained in Town Meeting Time, a Handbook of Parliamentary Law by Richard B. Johnson, Benjamin A. Trustman and Charles Y. Wadsworth, a committee of the Massachusetts Moderators Association, published by Little, Brown and Co., Boston 62, so far as they are adopted to the condition and powers of the Town (Article 2, Section 9)."

A second edition was published since the adoption of the Town Bylaw in 1984 and my quotation is from that recent edition.

I think that our Town Bylaw limits the authority of the Moderator specifically to the rules of practice in Town Meeting Time, that those rules which I quoted are clear, and that Harry McCabe and John Maher are in error.

I regret that our powers to be are uninformed and spoiled by our good-natured taking no-for-an-answer.

What meaning is left of our sacred promise to be impartial and faithful which all are taking who participate in the affairs of the Town?

Herbert M. Meyer  
P.S. I have been an Arlington Town Meeting member for almost one third of my 88 years.

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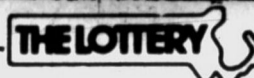
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